

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-26 (Canceled)

Claim 27 (New): A vacuum cleaner fan, comprising:

an electric drive motor including a support cage configured to receive structural modules of the motor, the structural modules including a stator pack, a rotor and brush holders having carbon brushes and contact pins; and

a blower unit having at least a single stage, the blower unit driven by the motor and including a deflector, an impeller and a suction hood, the deflector configured as a cover for the support cage and including a bearing seat configured to receive the rotor;

wherein the support cage is configured to receive the structural modules to extend in an axial direction of the blower and wherein the support cage is configured such that the contact pins of the brush holders directly contact stator contacts, the brush holders disposed in or on an area of an upper side of the support cage that faces the deflector.

Claim 28 (New): The vacuum cleaner fan recited in claim 27, wherein the support cage includes a rim that extends from the cage and faces the deflector, the rim including receptacles configured to receive the brush holders, the receptacles formed in the rim and open upwardly towards the interior of the support cage.

Claim 29 (New): The vacuum cleaner fan recited in claim 27, wherein the stator pack includes protruding stator pack connectors and the rim includes openings that extend into a wall of the support cage, the openings configured to receive the stator pack connectors.

Claim 37 (New): The vacuum cleaner fan recited in claim 36, wherein the adaptor housing includes further connector pins that extend freely into a socket opening in the support cage that is configured for an external plug-in connection.

Claim 38 (New): The vacuum cleaner fan recited in claim 34, wherein the adaptor housing is configured to be inserted positively into the receptacle.

Claim 39 (New): The vacuum cleaner fan recited in claim 33, wherein the electrical components include a decoupling capacitor and a thermal switch for the motor.

Claim 40 (New): The vacuum cleaner fan recited in claim 34, wherein the adaptor housing includes a hold down bracket configured to hold down the stator pack.

Claim 41 (New): The vacuum cleaner fan recited in claim 34, wherein the adaptor housing includes a lower housing portion configured to receive the circuit board and a lid portion linked to the lower housing portion.

Claim 42 (New): The vacuum cleaner fan recited in claim 41, wherein the lid portion is flexibly linked to the lower housing portion.

Claim 43 (New): The vacuum cleaner fan recited in claim 28, wherein the deflector is centrally affixed to the rim.

Claim 44 (New): The vacuum cleaner fan recited in claim 28, wherein the rim and the deflector include one or more positively interfitting centering guides that are respectively configured to mutually align the support cage and the deflector, the deflector including the one or more positively centering guides in a marginal portion at the lower side of the deflector.

